

[(FIG. 1)]

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend page 12, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

-- WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: --

[CLAIMS]

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure for [the goldsmith and costume] gold articles, jewelry [field,] and the like, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain.

Claim 2 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are parallel [with] to one another.

Claim 3 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are arranged at an increasing or decreasing distance [from each] relative to one another.

Claim 4 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim[s] 2 [or 3], wherein [said] the crosspieces are [equally] spaced apart generally equally from [each] one another.

Claim 5 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim[s] 2 [or 3], wherein [said] the crosspieces are arranged at [a] variable distances [apart] from one another according to a [prefixed] predetermined sequence.

Claim 6 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein from at least one of [said] the chains there extends a further plurality of crosspieces connecting the links of that chain to [the] links of a further chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.

Claim 7 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of [said] the chains is coupled [with] to a

further chain, further crosspieces extending from the links of [said] the further chain to the links of another chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.

Claim 8 (currently amended) [A semi-finished] The article [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein the chains are made of different metals.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A method [for the] of manufactur[e]ing [of] a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure for [the goldsmith and costume] gold articles, jewelry [field formed by] and the like, comprised of at least two chains arranged side-by-side generally in the same plane [and], spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, the method comprising the [following] steps of:

[-] i. feeding two chains [along] in a first forwardly moving direction;

[-] ii. feeding a metal wire in a second direction generally perpendicular to [said] the first [forwardly moving] direction;

[-] iii. cutting [said] the wire into portions of a length generally equal to the length of [said] the crosspieces;

[-] iv. translating the portions obtained [in this manner] so as to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and

[-] v. welding [the] ends of [said] the portions to [the] sides of the respective links of [said] the chains.

Claim 10 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 9, wherein one of [said] the two chains is replaced by a previously formed semi-finished article having an interlinked structure, a further group of crosspieces being connected to one chain of [said] the previously formed [semi-finished] article for connection to [the] links of a further chain.

Claim 11 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 9, wherein two or more of [said] the semi-finished articles [with an interlinked structure] are laid side-by-side generally in the same plane and welded along two adjacent chains.

Claim 12 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 9, wherein [said] the chains are made of different metals.

Claim 13 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 12, wherein at least one of [said] the chains is [made] constructed of a soluble metal.

Claim 14 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 12, wherein one of [said] the chains [consists of] comprises alternating links [alternately made] of precious metal and soluble metal.

Claim 15 (currently amended) [A] The method [according to] set forth in claim 9, wherein [said] the crosspieces are arranged between two respective links of [said] the chains [in such a manner] so as to be spaced either generally equidistant[ly] from one another or at a selected distance that varies according to a [prefixed] predetermined sequence.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A method [for the] of manufactur[e]ing [of] a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure for [the goldsmith and costume] gold articles, jewelry [field formed by] and the like, comprised of at least two chains arranged side-by-side generally in the same plane [and], spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, the method comprising the [following] steps of:

[-] i. feeding two chains [along] in a first forwardly moving direction;

[-] ii. feeding portions of a metal wire of a length generally equal to the length of [said] the crosspieces so as to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and

[-] iii. welding [the] ends of [said] the portions to [the] sides of the respective links of [said] the chains.

Claim 17 (currently amended) [Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, choker, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like] A

gold, jewelry or like article made from a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein [said] the crosspieces are flattened to increase generally the ratio between their exposed surface and their weight.

Claim 18 (currently amended) [Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, choker, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like] A gold, jewelry or like article made from a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein [said] the crosspieces are shaped or deformed so as to generally increase their brightness.

Claim 19 (currently amended) [Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, choker, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like] A gold, jewelry or like article made from a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from [each other] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the

other chain, wherein their structure comprises an alternat[ed] ing sequence of links and crosspieces generally aligned [to each] with one another.

Claim 20 (currently amended) [Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, choker, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like] A gold, jewelry or like article made from a semi-finished article [with] having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from [each o ther] and connected to [each] one another by [means of] a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, [characterized in that] wherein their structure comprises a sequence of links with crosspieces [radially] that generally extend[ing] radially from [said] the links.

REMARKS

The captioned Application has been amended to comport with U.S. practice, and, in so doing, to better define the invention without limiting effect. No new matter has been